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Application of Jacky G. Duchamp

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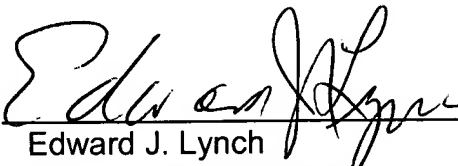
Dear Sir:

In response to omitted items, please amend the above-referenced application specification pages as follows:

Please replace original pages 15-19 with new **pages 13-17** respectively. Copies of the original pages 15-19 with correction noted are enclosed.

No new matter is introduced by this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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